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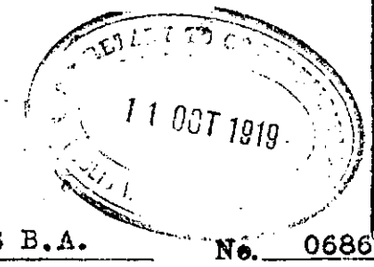
[Despatch Abstract.]

Loss of a Bell.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the write off of the value of the bell lost in the Holy Trinity Church, Bellary.



DEPARTMENT.
C. 2935 ...OCTS I. A. F. 2010.
Gratis—Department.
DATE, 14.10.1917. Payment—Corps.

SUBJECT: LOSSES B.A. No. 06869/1/A.

Office of HEADQUARTERS 9th Division.

Station BANGALORE, *Date* 7 OCTOBER 1919.

FROM

THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
9th (Secunderabad) Division.

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Bellacamund

S I R,

I have the honour to forward herewith correspondence relating to the loss of a bell from the Holy Trinity Church, Bellary, for disposal, as the Church is stated to be in charge of your Department.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

for Major General.
COMMANDING, 9th (Secunderabad) Division....

REP. 7/10/1919

de 13/11/19

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Gratis

N. B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

The signature of each Officer composing the Board, etc., should be attached at the end of the proceedings.

vide the order No 580. d. 10.9.19

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Enquiry

assembled at Holy Trinity Church Bellary

on the 15th day of Sept 1919

by order of Lt Col. Bidwell Cmndg Troops Bellary.

for the purpose of Enquiry & report on the loss of one Bell the property clerk of the Government

Note

PRESIDENT:

Capt H. Connor
2/73rd Malabar Inf.

MEMBERS: Gorahum

2/Lieut [illegible]
W 8th Ks. Battn

Subadar Madhava Menon
2/73rd Malabar

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to

1 witness

Examine Mr J. Egan who being duly warned states.

On 1st June 1919 on my arrival here to take Charge, it was reported to me by Mr Frank Bradbury, the church clerk that the Bell had been stolen from the Belfry during the previous week. I verified this fact & reported the matter to the Police the last time I saw the Bell was on the 25th May 1919.

The Belfry is some distance away from the church, Situated on Ramparts of the Fort. The Bell is not kept under lock & key. There is a watchman & guard on church properties during the day, but not at night On or about the date that the Bell was stolen there were many cases of reported "theft" at various Bungalows.

Jno Egan
15/9

2nd Witness.

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Mr. Frank Bradbury being duly sworn states.

On 1st June I came to church as usual at 5.30 & found the Sweeper Narayanan Swamy, to ring the Bell. I saw him go towards the Belfry, & from there he shouted out to me that the bell was missing. I brought with me the voice of Mr. Egan, the lay Trustee & we both went up to the Ramparts & found the Bell missing. It was immediately reported to the Police.

I last saw the bell on Sunday 27th May 1917.

Frank Bradbury
15.9.1917.

3rd Witness.

Narayanan Swamy Sweeper being duly sworn states.

About 4 months ago, on a Sunday Mr. Bradbury ordered me to go & ring the Church Bell, at about 5.45 P.M. I took the "Tongue" of the bell with me & went to strike the Bell, & on arrival there I saw that the bell was missing. I then shouted out that the bell was missing. Both Mr. Egan & Mr. Bradbury came over & saw my statement was correct. The last time I rang the bell was on the previous Sunday.

15/9/17

Result of the Enquiry is attached to the Original Copy.

Taken down by me on 10 day of Sept 1919.

The Court is of opinion that the Bell was stolen by some person or persons unknown.

The Blame does not lie with anybody directly concerned with Church.

He does not consider it at Government Expense.

Lt Colonel
President

Members.

Approved.

Bellary
16-9-19

Lieut.-Col.,
Commanding, Bellary

W.G. Goodhue Lt
8th Rifle Battalion
(India)

S/ Duplicate

A. F. A8
Gratis

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PRESIDENT:

Capt. L.L. Connie 2/73 Rajputs

MEMBERS:

2/Lieut. Goodhead

Pte Rajaram Bailkar

Subadar Chandhara Ram 2/78 Rajputs

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to Examine No. G. Egan who being duly warned deposes

1st Witness

On the 1st June 1919 on my arrival here to take the service I was reported to me by Rev Frank Bradbury, the Church clerk that the bell had been stolen from the belfry during the previous week. I enquired into the fact & reported the matter to the Police. The last time I saw the bell was on the 25th May 1919. The Belfry is some distance away from the church situated on the Campus of the Fort. The Bell is not kept under

witness

III

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The last time I saw the Bell was on the second Sunday

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Chief of the Police Mr. Enquiry No. 1 is attached to the original Copy.

Taken down by me on the 15th day of September 1919.

The court is of the opinion that the Bell was stolen by some per. or persons unknown.
The blame does not lie with anybody directly concerned with the Church.
The loss to be replaced at Government Expense

Hd Asst Capt
President

Approved

R P Bedwell
Lieut.-Col.,
Commanding, Bellary.

Members

W G Goodhead Lt.
8th Battalion
(India)

15-9-19

lock keys. There is a watchman guarding Church properties during the day, but not at night. On or about the date that the bell was stolen there were many cases of reported theft at various bungalows.

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15/5

2nd witness Mr Frank Bradbury being duly warned states.

On the 1st of June I came to church as usual at 5.30 pm I ordered the sweeper Narayan Swamy to bring the bell I saw him going to the Belfry upon there he shouted out to me that the bell was missing. I brought this to the notice of Mr Egan the Lay Trustee and both of us went up to the belfry and found the bell missing. It was immediately reported to the Police I last saw the bells on Tuesday the 29th May 15

Frank Bradbury
15 June 15

3rd witness Narayan Swamy, Sweeper being duly warned states:-

About 2 months ago, on a Sunday Mr Bradbury ordered me to go & ring the church bell at about 5-45 pm. I took the tongue of the bell with me & went to strike the Bell, & on arrival there I saw that the bell was missing. I then shouted out that the bell was missing. Both Mr Egan & Mr Bradbury came over & saw my statement was correct

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To

The Sub Church Wardens

Coral Bazaar

Sir I will as kindly lit-
tle time of spend report-
has been send in the
Case in which the bell
of the Holy Trinity Church
was Stolen & also a copy of
my report - I do not Suppose
God requires this before
sanctioning a new one

Please treat the matter
as urgent

Superintendent
Frank Bradbury
Police

Sir,

I have herewith sent the copies of the report and statement of Mr J Egan, the complainant in the case.

The case was reported as undetectible on 26.6.19 and ordered by the Town Sub Magr, Bellary to be treated as such.

Yours obediently.
K Ramanjachary
S I of Police
9.8.19

Urgent

Sub Inspector Nolan

Coral Bazaar

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To.

The ~~2nd~~ Inspector of Police
Ballarat

Sir, It has just been reported to me that the large gun metal bell attached to the Holy Trinity Church Yard, has been Stolen Please do the needful. Yours obediently

(Sd) G. Logan
2.6.19.

Lay Trustee

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Bellary
Sept. 8th 1901

From The Rev. S. O. Biers
Chaplain of Bellary

To The O/C
P/W Camp, Bellary

Sir

I have the honour to state that during my absence on leave last May, the Bell of the Fort Church was stolen. Mr Egan, Lay-Reader, who was then in charge reported the matter at once to the Police but they have since declared it to be irrecoverable.

According to Government Regulations if the loss occurred in a Cantonment, the O/C the Station, or if any reported to him officially, should appoint a Committee of Enquiry to decide whether the loss was due to culpable negligence or otherwise in which Government may know whether it may replace the stolen property, or compel the officer responsible to do so.

I am leaving the Station today & return on the 10th inst.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

S. O. Biers.
Chaplain of
Bellary

Mr. G Egan the complainant Stated as follows.

There was a large Sized bell hanging on the Belfry of the Holy Trinity Church in the ~~Fort~~ Bellary. This Belfry is Situated on the fort wall behind the church ~~fixed~~ in the usual manner of all church bells. I saw the bell for the last time on the 25th May last at 6.30 P.M. It was used on that day at 6.30 P.M. At about 6. P.M. yesterday, I went to the said Church when it was reported to me by Mr. France Bradbury, Church Clerk, that the above bell was stolen. I myself went and saw the place and the bell was not there. I looked for it on to the Throat but, could not trace it. Then I sent a complaint to the Police Inspector Bellary Town. It roughly weighs 200 lbs and ~~cost~~ costs about Rs 150/- As regards the marks of identification and other Particulars of the bell. Mr. France Bradbury will be able to give the details and the person Madary who rings it may also be questioned. The Corpse is kept in the church to ~~prevent~~ prevent mischievous people ringing it out of time

I can identify the bell from the marks left on the bell by the scratching of the Corpse on only one side. I do not Suspect any one."

(Sd) G. Egan
2.6.19

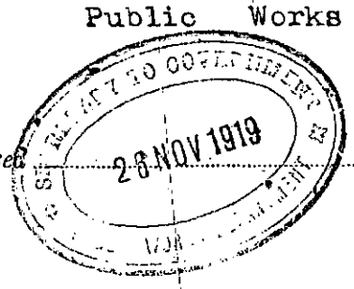
(True copy).

M Ramamurthy
5.9.9.8.49.

14,314—24-10-18.

C.F.—31

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**



Received 28 NOV 1919 191 . Registered Cno 3527 Aub 27-11-1919.

Subject.

Loss of bell in Holy Trinity Church, Bellary.-----

ENCLOSURES.
No. Copies of Correspondence
Spare copies

No. 9891

Station Bellary, *Dated the* 20th November, 1919.

M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur,

From (Name) L. D. Venkatarama Ayyar Avl., B.A.B.C.E.,

(Designation) Superintending Engineer, III Circle,

Bellary

To The

Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,

(Buildings & Roads).,

Sir, Madras.

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No. 5798 dated the 29th October 1919 with its enclosures for favour of obtaining the sanction to purchase a new bell.

The probable cost of the bell that was stolen away is reported to be Rs. 300/-

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. L. D. Venkatarama Ayyar.
Superintending Engineer, III Circle

True Copy forwarded,
(By order)
Manager, Suptg. Engr's Office,
J.S.S. 21/11/19.

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Copy of letter No. 5798, dated the 29th October, 1919, from, C.L. Bushell, Esqr., A.M.I.C.E., Executive Engineer, Bellary Division to the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, Bellary.

I have the honour to forward herewith the Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry at the Holy Trinity Church, Bellary under the Orders of the Officer Commanding ~~kkk~~ Bellary and to request ~~kkkk~~ you to kindly obtain sanction of Government to the replacement of the bell by a new one as required ~~by kkk~~ in rule 28 of G.O. No. 38 dated the 14th June 1913. * not readily available

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Proceedings of the Court of Enquiry assembled at the Holy Trinity Church, Bellary on the 15th day of September 1919 by order of Lieut-Col. R.F.Bidwell.,I.A., Commanding, Bellary for the purpose of enquiring and reporting on the loss of one church bell, the property of Government.

President.

Captain T.S. Comner, 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.

Members.

2nd Lieut. M.G. Goodhind. 8th Reserve Batt. (India)

Subadar Mardhava Minon. 2/73rd Malabar Infantry.

I Witness.

The court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to examine Mr. G.W., Egan who having been duly warned, states:--

On the 1st June 1919 on my arrival here to take service it was reported to me by Mr. F. Bradbury, the Church Clerk that the bell had been stolen from the Belfry during the previous week. I verified this fact and reported the matter to the Police. The last time I saw the bell was on the 25th May 1919. The belfry is some distance away from the Church, situated on the ramparts of the Fort. The bell is not kept under lock and key. There is a watchman, guarding Church properties during the day but not at night. On or about the date that the bell was stolen, there were many cases of reported theft at various bungalows.

(Sd) G.W. Egan, 15-9-19.

Guild 3527 dt 1914

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2nd Witness:- Mr. Frank Bradbury, being duly warned, states:-

On the 1st June, I came to Church as usual at 5-30 P.M. I ordered the sweeper Narayin Swamy to ring the bell. I saw him going towards the belfry, and from there he shouted out to me that the bell was missing. I brought this to the notice of Mr. Egan, the Lay Trustee, and we both went up to the Ramparts and found the bell missing. It was immediately reported to the Police, I last saw the bell on Tuesday, May 27th 1919. Sd. Frank Bradbury. 15-9-19.

3rd Witness :- Narayain Swamy, sweeper being duly warned states:-

About four months ago, on a Sunday Mr. Bradbury ordered me to go and ring the Church bell at about 5-45 P.M. I took the tongue of the bell with me and went to strike the bell and on my arrival, I saw the bell was missing. I then shouted out the bell was missing, both Mr. Egan and Mr. Bradbury came over and saw my statement was correct. The last time I saw the bell was on the previous day. Sunday.

(Sd) in Vernacular.

The result of the Police enquiry is attached to the original proceedings.

Taken down by me on the 15th day of September 1919.

(Sd. T.S. Conner, Captain,

President Court of Enquiry.

The Court is of the opinion that the bell was stolen by some persons or persons unknown. The blame does not lie with any-body directly concerned with the Church. The loss to be replaced at Government expense.

(Sd.) T.S. Conner, Captain, President

(Sd) M.G. Goodhind, 2nd Lieut. Member.

(Sd) Mardhava Minon. Subadar.

Bellary.
8th October 1919.

Certified True Copy.

(Sd) Lieut.

Offg. Station Staff Officer.

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PWD

Ref CRO 3527/Tele. from the S.E-III ⊙ no 989/9 $\frac{20}{25}$.11.9

Memo. 3527/Tele/19-1894 $\frac{12}{19}$.

From the Correspondence received from the G.O.C.9th Secunderabad D. it will be seen that as Cost of the bell ~~Plate~~ from the Holy Trinity Church, Bell was reported to be about Rs. 150. But the S.E says in his letter read above that the Cost is reported to be Rs 300. The S.E is requested to ascertain and report the exact Cost of the bell as early as possible

Vide p/12 of ~~this~~ file ante

2o
3/12/19

SD
4/12/19

for CE (B&R)
SD

To

The S.E. III Circle

With reference to Egmore Station ~~letter~~ received herewith.

DESPATCHED.
9 DEC 1919

I.D

p/12 of ~~this~~ file ante

To Consult the Section Officer before despatch

(To remind in a month)

Done
10/3

Reminder issued 19-1-20

15,612—25-11-19.

G.F. 88.

Cno 473 Ants
2-2-1920

3527 Ants/19-2
17-1-1920

Public Works Department.

General Branch.

REMINDER.

REPLY.

839
31-1-20

To The Superintending Engineer Third Circle

To The Chief Engineer & Secy to Govt Madras

The undersigned has the honour to invite ~~is directed to invite~~ ~~invites~~ attention to the communication noted in the margin and to request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and

~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

2. It is requested that the reply to this reminder may be sent not later than 10 days from date of receipt (By order)

No. 3527 Ac/19- dated 4.12.19.

Office Pw Secretariat

Station Chepauk

Dated 16.1.20

Signature.

Designation. Superintending Engineer

SUBJECT.

Holy Trinity Church Bellary—
requesting the S.E to report the
exact cost of the bell stolen
from the

1.2.20

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1/20

A copy of the S.E. Engineer's letter No 450 dated 25-1-920 is enclosed for information. The value of Rs 300 based on present market rates may be accepted

J M Oakes
29/1/20
Dpty. Engr. ...
Ht Clerk
28-1-20

Letter from C.L. Bushell Esq., A M.I.C.E. Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, No 450 dated 25th January 1920.---

In reference to your No. 10455 dated 12/16th December 1919, I have the honour to state that there is no record of the original cost of the bell. It may have been about Rs. 150/- when purchased and if so, it would be worth not less than Rs. 300/- at present prices and hence the discrepancy.

MW
31.1.20

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PWD

CNO 29 38 Accts From the Exec 9th (Secl)

Losses B.A No 0.6869/1/A 07.

[Loss of a Bell from the Holy Trinity Church Bellary

DW

Submitted.

1. The cost of the bell in question is reported to be about Rs.150- vide pa The write off of the loss of this amount is within the sanctioning powers of the S.E - vide G/P No 176. 07.3.14. The correspondence ma therefore, be forwarded to the S.E III Circle for disposal. The Ac may perhaps be consulted u

Exec through Public (Secl) dept.

27.10.09

27.10.9

Public (Secl.)

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P.W.D No No 2935 Accts/19-1

CURRENT NO 7762 ECCLESIASTICAL

29 X 19

Pub dept (Secl)

A communication on the same subje was received from the Archdeacon, and the draft [illegible] application to Govt for the replacement of the bell at State Cost enhanced in that connection was sent to the P. on 29.10.19 for acceptance. Submitted that the return of that file may be awaited.

29.10.19

20 PWD

D.S. Please see Ag's remarks on the previous page. From the S.E's letter in the linked file it will be seen that the cost of the bell is reported to be Rs. 300. If the cost of the bell exceeds Rs 200, the sanction of Govt ~~[illegible]~~ S.E cannot sanction the work off. Before forwarding the papers to the S.E. for disposal, as proposed in para 1 ante, the reply to the ~~letter~~ made in the linked file may be awaited

~~For Orders~~

SO
4 12 19

Ro
3/12/19 4/12/19

Memo No. 3527 dated 1.5-15 4.12.19
Ag 16/9
Ag 17/9 C.No 473 dated from the S.E III and No 837 d 31.1.20
D.W

Please see the appended note above. The S.E reports that as the exact value of the lost bell is not known the value of Rs 300 based on present market rates may be accepted. In this case an addl grant will be necessary to meet the value of the bell. A draft order as the case is submitted, which may be sent to the Public (Ecclesiastical) Dept. for acceptance before issue.

Ag 5.2.20 6.2.20 Public (Eccl.)

7.2.20

PWD 9/2/20 124

CURRENT NO.
~~[illegible]~~
ECCLESIASTICAL
Rgrd 7-2-20

PWD No 2935 dt 5/9-2
7-2-1920.
9/2/20

Circ. 200 W/19

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Pub. Def. to Secl

The Govt. of India's orders sanctioning the replacement of the lost bell were received & disposed of by G.O.S. 200 W. dy 2.2.1920. Para 2 of the draft order should therefore be deleted or amended.

2/ The draft may be accepted subject to the above remarks & the file returned to the P.W.D.

Secl No. 124-1
10-2-20.

DC/
11/2/20

P.W.D

D.W

Para 2 of the draft order has been deleted with reference to para 1 of the Secl dft note above. The draft order as thus modified may now be issued.

Issue
16.2.20

16.2.20

Issue
17/2/20

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
633 Aug
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PUBL. W.

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P W DEPARTMENT.

Writ of ders of a bill.

Sanctioning ~~the~~ amt of the value of the bell lost in the Holy Trinity Church Bellary.

Accounts ~~amt of~~ Holy Trinity Church Bellary.

Sanctioning the amt of the value of a bell.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. ....., dated 19

" " " " ..... " 19

READ ALSO:—

X C. No. 2935 Accts, From the Pt. Offr. Bellary No. 6869/1/A dated 7-10 1919

X ~~1-4~~ 1-12 Accts " " Dr. III Circle " 9891 " 25-11 1919

X ~~1-13~~ 352 Accts " " " " 1-16 Accts memo. 352/Accts/19-1 dt 4.12.19

X " " 473 " " Dr. III Circle " 835 " 31-1 1920

1-17 Accts

ORDER. No. 29942 dated 17-2- 1920

This

1-12 Accts

The correspondence read above relates to the loss of the bell in the Holy Trinity Church at Bellary which was originally reported ~~Rs 150~~ is now the value of this bell is estimated at Rs 300 based on present market rates. Sanction is accorded to the write off of this amount

2 Sanction of the list of duties has been separately applied for in regard to the replacement of the lost Bell

(X) vide the Enclosure to para 2 of the Accts

To Treasr III circle ✓

" Dr of works ✓

" Public (Secl) dept ✓

DESPATCHED 23 FEB 1920

F.D

Accts 6.2.20.

7.2.20

(Accts Book)